

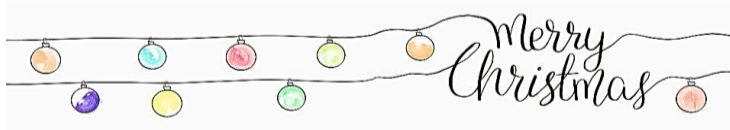
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Happy Anniversary and a big **Thank You** to Ray Scherber of Maple Grove for your 60 years of commitment to our customers, good humor, and willingness to adapt to all the changes in dairy and DHIA.



From all of us, wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year!

Reasons to provide your email address to your Field Technician (if you haven't already):

1. You can access your information (reports) from 2 to 5 days faster than waiting for the mail. You can still get your paper reports in the mail.
2. If we use your DHIA sample for Pregnancy, Leukosis, or Johne's testing you will see those results at least three days faster by email compared to mail. These ELISA tests are run after the fat/protein/SCC/MUN. These analyses take several hours to run and by the time results are ready, the post office is closed, so we cannot put results in the mail until the next day. Holidays and weekends make that slower yet. Currently, due to the very high volume, SpeedDee takes an average of 2 days to get samples to the lab, compared to one day last spring. You can help offset some of that lost time by using our free email service. For example, if your herd is sampled on Monday December 21, and your samples go by SpeedDee, they will be received and tested on Wednesday. You could be looking at your pregnancy results (or all of your reports) on Wednesday night in your email. We will mail those results on Thursday December 24. I wonder how long it will take to get those results in the mail? Maybe Monday December 28 at best, given Christmas on Friday followed by a weekend. Email gets those results to you at least 5 days sooner.
3. If you have software you will get an email that lets you know your DNL data is ready for you to retrieve.
4. New reports have been developed for delivery to your email and smart phone. For instance, the new SCC Flex which features the list of cows you might consider for select dry cow therapy (SDCT) will arrive by email starting this month. By February it will be available with your paper sample day reports. You probably want this list as soon as you can get your hands on it anyway, since you may have cows you plan to dry off soon after sample day. A series of new reports is on their way for winter.
5. We won't share your email address with anyone, just like we don't share your mailing address.

Annual Summary Update

The Minnesota DHIA Board of Directors has decided that for the calendar year 2020, due to the disruptions caused in many herds by the corona-virus, herds with 10 tests in the calendar year will be published, unless you have selected the no publicity option. This applies equally to electronic meter, robot, and traditional tests.

Winter Reminders from Jeremy Schefers DVM, PhD

As the ground freezes we hope that your crops are harvested and the fields are ready for winter. Yet, there is no rest for the weary and the seasonal work on a dairy farm is not done. Important livestock-specific tasks typically done in fall or winter include:

1. Calves: Add calf jackets, increase milk, and/or add supplemental fat to the milk of young calves in hutches and cold housing. Caloric and energy demand increases as temperature falls. If the ground is frozen, calves should have calf jackets and be fed more calories. Generally speaking, for every degree the temperature is below 55 F, a calf needs about 1% more milk/feed.
2. Deworming: Fall is an ideal time to deworm cattle and treat for both external (mange mites) and internal (stomach, intestinal) parasites. Pour-on dewormers, such as Cydectin and Eprinex, are approved for lactating cattle and are good for external and internal parasites. Please make sure to give the appropriate dose. Large Holsteins cows can weigh over 1,800 lbs. and a full pull of the treatment gun (approximately 1400 lbs) will only provide 80% of the therapeutic dose for large cows. Under-dosing will not clear the parasite burden and under-dosing is a waste of time and product. For large cows, the treatment gun can be set at 800 or 900 lbs. and pulled twice to achieve a 'killing' dose. A simple way to determine the weight of your cows is to record what cull cows weigh and compare those to herd-mates.
3. Proactively prevent pneumonia: If your cattle have had problems with pneumonia, consult your veterinarian and livestock professions to troubleshoot potential causes and re-examine winter ventilation. Fall is also good time to discuss treatment and vaccination protocols. Keeping calves clean and dry with ample amounts of dry bedding will reduce the severity of pneumonia.
4. If this is all done, there's always manure to haul, calves to dehorn and castrate, cattle to move, equipment to "winterize," and Christmas decorations to put up.

Identification (Eartag) Update

During November, Minnesota DHIA surpassed 700,000 management and RFID tags sold all time. We offer All Flex, Destron Fearing, Y-Tex and DataMars official RFID tags as well as management tags from those companies and Z Tag. Call Heidi at 763.231.6768 with questions or to place an order. One of the features of tags you purchase from DHIA is that we load those numbers into your on-farm software and your Field Technician computer so no one has to key a 15 digit number!

You may obtain free official RFID tags from Minnesota Board of Animal Health at www.bah.state.mn.us or by calling 800-627-3529. The Board of Animal Health and USDA report that the Allflex & DataMars tags are typically shipping in 2-3 weeks, and Y-Tex are taking a little longer



25 Reasons to say YES to PC DART



- 1** Used by herds ranging in size from 13 to 13,000 cows
- 2** Retains all data recorded during each animal's lifetime
- 3** Comprehensive default reports and unlimited custom reports featuring over 1,000 database items and the ability to use extensive filters, logic and grouping. Custom reports can be sent to PocketDairy for viewing
- 4** Edit system ensures proper information is recorded on the correct animal
- 5** No charge for unlimited technical support from experts with dairy background and an average of 15 years of experience with dairy herd management, PC DART, PocketDairy and DHIA
- 6** Herd management analysis with drill down capabilities available through Activity Tracker, Conception Tracker, Maternity Tracker, Heifer Tracker and Inventory Tracker
- 7** Easy data exchange with veterinarians, nutritionists, heifer growers and DHI staff
- 8** Affordable monthly fee with no large up-front purchase
- 9** Access to Money Corrected Milk to compare profitability of individual cows when making breeding and culling decisions
- 10** Powerful Timed AI management system
- 11** Flexible and extensive protocol and chore management system
- 12** Access to award-winning companion mobile programs PocketDairy and Vet Check Maxx which allow cowside input and sync back to PC DART. RFID features make quick work of group checks and vet check day.
- 13** Can exchange data with over 25 milking machine, robotic and heat monitoring systems
- 14** Optional low cost cloud backups available that can be shared with consultants
- 15** Import mating files and breed classification data
- 16** Scatter and line graphs for cow and herd data
- 17** Close-up group module to ensure proper movement and analysis of transition cows
- 18** Hoof care events can be recorded as health events and hoof care history can be viewed in a standard report
- 19** Flexibly import non-standard files and data through powerful edit system
- 20** Easily import genomic test result data and create custom reports to utilize the data
- 21** Simple Windows-based point and click
- 22** Robust embryo transfer capabilities to effectively track donor dams, recipis and implantation date
- 23** Network capability with multiple computers
- 24** Customizable user-defined fields and graphs
- 25** Available in English and Spanish

PC Dart on-farm software has been around for 30 years and is used in daily management in 2,850 herds around the United States. Over 40 Minnesota DHIA members use PC Dart and we have been providing licensing and support for over a decade. The price has changed very little over that time. PC Dart was developed by DRMS, which in turn is owned by DHIA.

You will be pleasantly surprised by the pricing and the features of PC Dart. Users can view dozens of 2-5 minute videos on the website which cover a host of topics. Three longer videos for new users are also there for your viewing pleasure. You can also enjoy the optional "Tip Tuesday" which is a quick email tip that may make PC Dart use more valuable or even easier.

Of course unlimited live support is provided by Minnesota DHIA, backed up by the support staff of DRMS located at Iowa State University in Ames.

Please call Patty at 763.233.7856 for more information or to set up an installation of PC Dart. Watch the Dairy Star for testimonials from our members who use PC Dart. If you are switching from current on-farm software, it is convenient to make the switch to PC Dart at the time of your next DHIA sample day so you do not need to re-enter any events. Right now installs are free and the line for getting converted is still short.

November Milk Quality Leaders, ranked by SCC then Log SCC

Name	SCC	# Cows	Name	SCC	# Cows
HARMONY HILLS DAIRY	29	63	*JOHN AND CONNIE DONNAY	73	63
*LESTER DONNA BANSE	34	146	KIMM'S DAIRY	73	85
RIVER VALLEY DAIRY LLC	38	106	TA LEONARD REG HOLSTEINS	73	54
CRONK DAIRY	44	36	*DARRELL LUHMANN	74	148
*GREG AND KRISTIN MAHONEY	47	13	RICK & SHARI WEIR	75	68
*MATT BERKTOLD	47	201	*TIM BREEGEMANN	75	84
HIGH POINT DAIRY	48	135	LINDAHL FARMS	77	131
SHIR-MAN HOLSTEIN FARM	48	61	GLEN & BECKY CHRISTEN	77	40
GEHL ACRES FARM	49	142	*DWIGHT + DARLA BURKHOLDER	77	63
*KEVIN HANSON	49	88	JOHNSON DAIRY	80	102
WOLF CREEK DAIRY	50	457	BORST FAMILY DAIRY LLC	80	265
*DEVOINE KRUSE	51	233	AVON HEIGHTS	80	93
*JERRY & BEV POHLMANN	52	71	*MITCH MEHRWERTH	80	60
*MAREN & JEREMY HOLST	52	131	*ROB & AMIE RUTHER	81	123
*MIKE & KAREN SCHILLER	53	103	*JAMES & BETH OLSON	81	46
KUECHLE DAIRY	53	253	WALTER BROS FARM	81	440
BIRCH POINT FARMS PESHON	53	309	MARSHLAND FARMS	81	103
*MAYNARD & JEREMY SCHUMACHER	53	130	*JEREMY AND EMILY SMITH	81	36
*BILL & ALAN MILLER	53	280	*PETER+DAVID BURFEIND	82	347
*RYAN KNISLEY	53	61	TURNER DAIRY LLC	82	173
*BRIAN & JULIE LIBBESMEIER	53	68	*JERRY & SUE BINIEK	82	97
MUNDT DAIRY	57	210	DANINGER INC	83	83
SASS FARMS	57	261	MASCHKA DAIRY	84	274
MID LANE DAIRY	57	24	CRAZY DAISY DAIRY	85	115
*ADAM & SARAH MELLGREN	59	70	*OLAF F + MERTON NELSON	85	12
RKB DAIRY	60	131	KELLER DAIRY	86	119
*MARVIN RADEMACHER	60	58	*NATHAN & BRIDGET GIBBS	86	196
HOUDEK DAIRY LLC	62	438	*MARK BROSIG	86	250
BILL & NORMA ROUSAR	62	52	STELTER HOLSTEIN DAIRY	88	294
HOEFS' DAIRY	63	295	BLUE VIEW DAIRY FARM	88	291
*MARK KLEHR	63	57	*DARYL+LISA MAUS	88	67
SCHEFERS BROTHERS	63	77	WOLD DAIRY	89	49
RUSSELL J WIRT + FAMILY	63	545	MARSHALL KORN	89	57
*ROBERT AND JEANNETTE SHEEHAN	64	60	*PAUL SCHUMACHER	90	67
*DEAN RAUSCH	64	76	*STACY & JULIE MILLER	91	89
*DALE & LINDA SCHROEDER	64	76	SCHWAB DAIRY	92	158
*BRANDON + JILL MARSHIK	64	92	RIVERVIEW ENTERPRISES	93	90
TRINITY DAIRY	65	33	ACKERMAN FARMS	94	113
ROGER AND SANDY ERICKSON	66	42	*DAVID & DONNA ANDERSON	95	53
*JOHN SAUBER	67	57	THOMPSON FAMILY DAIRY	95	358
*STEVE MARTIN	68	46	*WADE PRAMANN	95	47
SCHULTE FARMS	68	290	*JACK SCHOUWEILER	95	31
UTHKE FAMILY	68	46	THISTLE DEW DAIRY	96	129
DOUG & SANDRA DEROUSSEAU	70	80	*DOUG PELKA	96	55
*LLOYD AND JULIE BLOMMEL	71	153	YOUNGS DAIRY	97	117
BURKE DAIRY INC	71	182	STELLING FARMS	98	301
*FRANCIS & THERESA RYNDA	71	49	*JAMES & AMANDA HOFFMAN	98	31
*JEFF PETERMEIER	72	53	*DREW & RENEE SCHEFERS	98	97
BROOKSIDE DAIRY	72	498	RADERMACHER DAIRY LLC	98	228
MOORSE DAIRY	72	17	*DAVID FLOM	98	28